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3<sup>rd</sup>, November. 2005

Attention: Narend Nath Office of State Revenue

Re: Off- Road Diesel

I am writing to you to bring to your attention how unfair we feel the State Revenue Office / Government is being in regards to the time allocated to the repayment of unsubsidised fuel. As you are aware, we as Concrete Pumpers were not notified along with Earthmovers etc regarding the changes to off-road classifications in July 2000 nor were we given an amnesty to 14 June 2001 to reconcile total purchases. (Bulletin 18.1)

Whilst reading Bulletins 19 & 20 it has come to my attention that all companies, excluding Concrete Pumpers, were again notified in July 2001 and given an amnesty of three months from the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2001 (twelve months worth of payback). We have been notified of the change five years later and given approximately four weeks to pay back the subsidy for these five years. (I rang the office and was given a months extension).

As of this date Bulletin 19 or Bulletin 20 do not include

Concrete Pumps in the description of Diesel Engine Road Vehicles. On the State Revenue web site there is no mention of Concrete Pumps as an Off-road Vehicle. None of the posters in the fuel stations list or show photo's of Concrete Pumps so unless notified by mail how were we suppose to realise that we were classed as off-road.

As stated by one of the State Revenue employees there was ample coverage of changes to the Off-Road fuel subsidy but no one seems to be able to give me a copy or a date for these notices. I have enclosed one cut out from the paper, which again clearly leaves out Concrete Pumps. Fuel stations certainly didn't notify us while taking our money. I have made some inquiries with an employee of Shell Australia who was the manager here in Townsville and other areas if they were ever notified and her reply was NO.

If as the Bulletin states we were all given the amnesty and we haven't paid five years later, I ask why weren't we contacted before this?

We believe it is unreasonable to expect our repayments to be retrospective. Our pricing during this period did not allow for that cost.

A reply to this letter would be greatly appreciated and please take into consideration the fact that others were given the three to six month amnesty.

Thank you

Katrina Kersh

